

# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Cherokee Agency  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

IN REPLY REFER TO.

Michell Hicks, Principal Chief  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
P.O. Box 455  
88 Council House Loop Cherokee, NC 28719

Dear Chief Hicks:

Attached is signed Tribal Council Resolution No. 1 dated **Oct. 08, 2007**  
Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at (828) 497-9131 extension  
227.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

**PASSED**

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

**OCT 08 2007**

(DATE)

RESOLUTION NO. 1 (2007)

WHEREAS, Mary A. Herr has been a resident and community member of our community since 1978, and she is the founding member of several non-profit organizations serving the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, these non-profit organizations benefitting enrolled members are:

- Founding member of Mountain Mediation
- Founding member of Swain/Qualla SAFE
- Co-coordinator and charter member of Qualla Boundary Coalition for Responsible Parenting
- Former board member of Cherokee VOC
- Former Cherokee Cultural & Ceremonial Grounds Committee member
- Honorary member of NAIWA
- Former charter member of Qualla Boundary Friends of the Library
- Former Member of Tribal Coordinating Committee on Chemical Dependency
- 2006 Good Neighbor Award recipient from EBCI; and

WHEREAS, Mary Herr founded the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund, which has benefitted many enrolled members in their endeavors to further their educations; and

WHEREAS, she has been the program supervisor for the Guardian ad Litem program serving the Qualla Boundary and three counties for six years; and

WHEREAS, she also serves on the boards of the following organizations: Cherokee Compassionate Ministries, Cherokee Interdenominational Fellowship, Far West Families First, Healing & Wellness Coalition, Mountain Mediation Services, Office of Economic Opportunity of Catholic Social Services, Qualla/Swain Families First, and the local Legal Aid of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, she has been a friend and advocate for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians since coming to the Boundary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Annual Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians hereby bestows the title

**“Honorary Member” to Mary A. Herr for her friendship and dedication to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.**

**Submitted by: Marie Junaluska**

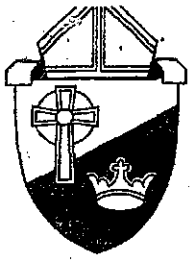
9/4/07

Review information in support of Mary Herr becoming an  
Honorary Member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee  
Indians.

Resolution submitted by tribal member Patty Grant.

Thank You

*Patty Grant*



## *SMOKY MOUNTAIN VICARIATE*

### Biographical Sketch of Mary A. Herr

Born in Springfield, IL, Mary Herr grew up on a farm 60 miles south of there. A former VISTA volunteer with a secretarial and insurance background, Mary met FOCIS members in Knoxville, joined FOCIS in 1969 and began volunteering in Clairfield, TN the next year. Mary later moved to Clairfield, helping establish the legal services program there and training numerous paralegals throughout the region. (Since 1978 Mary has lived in the Cherokee, North Carolina area and has been the founding member of several non-profit organizations serving the Qualla Boundary including a domestic violence program, mediation center, a scholarship fund for higher education for Eastern Cherokees, and the Healing and Wellness Coalition.

Mary is currently Regional Faith Formation Consultant and Multi-Cultural Worker in the Smoky Mountain Vicariate (seven western counties in North Carolina including the Qualla Boundary) employed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte. Mary has a B.A. in Business Administration and Legal Education from Roger Williams University and has been employed with several legal services programs in TN and NC as a paralegal and community educator. She also served as program supervisor for the Guardian ad Litem program serving the Qualla Boundary and three counties for six years. Mary serves on boards of several non-profit and community organizations including Cherokee Compassionate Ministries, Cherokee Interdenominational Fellowship, Far West Families First, Healing and Wellness Coalition, Mountain Mediation Services, Office of Economic Opportunity of Catholic Social Services, Qualla/Swain Families First, and the local Legal Aid of North Carolina program.

## MARY A. HERR

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### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

Administrative, organizational and supervisory abilities  
Over 20 years experience in parish ministry in mission parishes  
Ability to relate to people from diverse cultures  
Experience in working with Glenmary Home Missioners and diocesan programs  
Knowledge of community resources and agencies  
Paralegal and community education skills  
Ability to communicate verbally and in writing  
Dedicated, self-motivated and resourceful  
Grant writing experience  
Computer skills (WordPerfect, Microsoft Works and Word, Windows 98, Access)

### **EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT:**

8/14/01 to 6/30/06 – Regional Consultant for CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION (part-time) in Smoky Mountain Vicariate. Duties include assisting parishes in the vicariate with their formal faith formation programs at all levels by serving as resource person to parish Faith Formation leaders and conducting catechist training.

1/1/01 to 6/30/06 – Multi-Cultural Worker (part-time) in SMOKY MOUNTAIN VICARIATE FOR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE. Duties include serving as a Catholic presence and resource person to the Native American and Hispanic communities in the vicariate, promoting greater cultural and intertribal understanding within the area, collaborating with others in identifying social needs, responding to the personal needs of individuals in working for systemic change, and collaborating with other Christians in ministry to respond to community issues and concerns as well as to grow together in Christ.

1/17/00 to 12/30/00 – Multi-Cultural Pastoral Worker and Pastoral Assistant, ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, Bryson City, NC and OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Cherokee, NC. Duties included coordinating multi-cultural pastoral ministry in the parishes, working ecumenically on multi-cultural and community issues, coordinating RCIA and Adult Faith Formation programs, assisting with parish administration and collaborating with related diocesan groups.

10/93 to 12/31/99 - Program Supervisor for GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM, State of North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, Bryson City, NC. Duties included recruiting, training and supervising community volunteers in three counties to be advocates in court for children who have been abused and neglected, managing office, editing quarterly newsletter and writing press releases.

11/81 to 10/93 (full-time); 10/93 to 11/95 (part-time) - Community Educator/Paralegal/Pastoral Assistant with OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Cherokee, NC. Duties included assisting pastor with parish administration, budgets and long-range planning; providing legal services including representation at administrative hearings and legalization of undocumented migrants; assisting in development of non-profit community organizations; teaching legal rights and literacy classes, and other outreach and evangelization ministries to Native Americans, Hispanics and Appalachians on the Qualla Boundary and surrounding area.

11/78 to 11/81 - Community Education Director with WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA LEGAL SERVICES, Cherokee and Sylva, NC.

1977/78 - Coordinator of Paralegal Training Program for one year grant at UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, Knoxville, TN.

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1976-1977 - Paralegal Instructor for APPALACHIAN LEGAL SERVICES COALITION, Knoxville, TN.

1972-1975 - Received Ford Leadership Development Fellowship to establish MODEL VALLEY LEGAL SERVICES in Clairfield, TN in 1972.

1969-71 - Supervisor of Personal Accounts Department, M. F. FLENNIKEN AND CO. INSURANCE AGENCY, Knoxville, TN.

1970-71 - (part-time) Community Educator for MODEL VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, Clairfield, TN, a local community organization, with financial assistance from the Catholic Diocese of Nashville's Department of Rural Development.

1968-69 - Served as a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) in Bedford County, VA and Charleston, WV.

1967-68 - Performed secretarial duties at ARIZONA STATE SENATE, Phoenix, AZ until joining VISTA.

1958-67 - Executive Secretary to General Manager of AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, Nashville, TN.

**EDUCATION:**

ROGER WILLIAMS COLLEGE/UNION INSTITUTE (University Without Walls program), Providence, RI and Cincinnati, OH. BA in Business Administration and Legal Education, 1975.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, Nashville and Knoxville, TN, periodically 1965-1975, Business Administration.

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, Cullowhee, NC, 1979, Philosophy

Completed two year Diocese of Charlotte Lay Ministry Program 2001

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**

Serve on Advisory Board of Diocesan Office of Economic Opportunity - 1999 to present

Serve on Glenmary Home Missioners Regional Concentration Committee - 2000 to 2002

Serve on Committee to review reports for Diocesan 20 year strategic plan - 2000 to 2002

Volunteer secretary for St. Joseph Church Pastoral Parish Council - January 2000 to March 2001

Facilitator of Native American Multi-Cultural Committee for Diocese of Charlotte Strategic Planning - 1998-1999

Eucharistic minister and lector - 1981 to present

Conduct training for Eucharistic Ministers and lectors -1994 to 2000

Coordinate parish RCIA and Adult Education programs -1992 to 2000

Served on Glenmary Committee on Multiculturalism - 1998

Member of Glenmary Commission on Justice - 1984-1993

Board member and currently serve as Vice President on Board of Directors of Western North Carolina Legal Services - 1985 to present

★ Founding member of Swain County (now Mountain) Dispute Settlement Center, served as Board Secretary 1993-1996 - *Mountain Mediation*

- Guardian ad Litem Volunteer for abused and neglected children - 1989 to 1993

★ Founding member of Swain/Qualla SAFE; served as Board President for 2 1/2 years; served as Chairperson of Endowment Committee and member of Development Committee - 1985 to 1998

★ Founded Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund, and serve as Board Secretary, volunteer staff and grant writer - 1985 to present

★ Co-coordinator and charter member of Qualla Boundary Coalition for Responsible Parenting -1981 to 1993

- Board member and Chairperson of Personnel Committee for Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee - 1986-1992

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Diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development Committee - 1982 to 1998; CCHD Parish Coordinator 1998 to present

Charter member of Swain County Coalition for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention - 1991 to 1994

Taught and coordinated English as Second Language literacy classes - 1984-1991

Member and Past Chairperson of Federation of Communities in Service (FOCIS) - 1969 to present

— Cherokee Cultural and Ceremonial Grounds Committee member; Publicity Chairperson - 1982-1987

— Honorary Member of North American Indian Women's Association - 1982-1985

— Charter member of Qualla Boundary Friends of the Library- 1982-1986

— Member of Tribal Coordinating Committee on Chemical Dependency - 1986-1990

— Charter member of Swain County Council on the Status of Women - 1989-1992

— Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Cherokee - 1979-81

**HONORS:**

Recipient of Governor's Award for Volunteer Service in 1991

Nominated for Nancy Susan Reynolds Award for Personal Service twice

Spirit Award 2000 for volunteer service from Catholic Social Services, Office of Justice and Peace

2005 For God and Youth Award from Diocesan Office for Youth Ministry

— 2006 Good Neighbor Award from Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

**REFERENCES:**

Will be furnished upon request



**4/10/07**

## **History of Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition**

2002 – Coalition formed after concern by tribal programs and Indian Health Service, some churches and hospital chaplains about increasing substance abuse, diabetes and depression followed by a presentation by Maria Brave Heart, PHD, and Birgel Kills Straight, Lakota Traditionalist.

2003 - Presentations by Patty Grant to each community club, and other organizations in the surrounding area. The Coalition sponsored an eight week cultural orientation at the Cherokee Indian Hospital for hospital employees and community members.

2004 – Sponsored "Healing 500 Years of Pain: Creating a Peaceful Spirit" conference with nationally known speakers, bringing together community members, mental health and medical professionals, ministers, the recovery community, and other interested tribal and non-tribal people from surrounding areas, other states and Canada.

2005 - Coalition sponsored a two day seminar lead by Loretta Standley, DC, an enrolled member of EBCI, and additional training by Eduardo Duran, PHD, an author, mental health counselor, program director, and nationally known for his work in the area of historical grief and trauma. The Coalition submitted a resolution to Tribal Council requesting that a parcel of land which was formerly part of the Cherokee Indian Boarding School be preserved, and the resolution was approved. Planning began for a conference in 2006.

2006 - Coalition sponsored "Creating a Peaceful Spirit: A Journey to Healing" conference August 3-4, 2006 at the Cherokee High School. On September 26, 2006, the Coalition held a convening of the entire Cherokee community including tribal government and programs, educational systems, human and health service populations and surrounding area service providers to encourage collaboration and cooperation of all of these entities.

2007 – On January 25, 2007, the Coalition approved a partnership with the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program regarding a Boarding School Memorial Project. Several Coalition members agreed to work on this project.

On January 31, 2007 a half-day retreat was held facilitated by Craig White with Center for Participatory Change to look at where we have come from, problems, vision and strategies.

On March 22 and 23, 2007 the Coalition in partnership with Cherokee Indian Helpers/Wellbriety and several churches on the Qualla Boundary sponsored the Broken Walls group from Canada for two concerts and a workshop on bullying.

Plans are underway for another conference "Healing Cultural Oppression" to be held August 15-17, 2007.

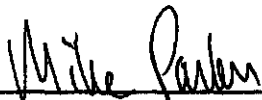
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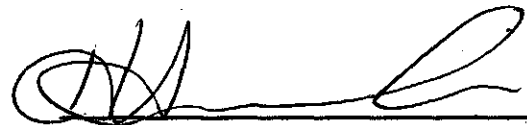
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and ratified in open Council on October 8, 2007 by 100 voting for the act and 0 members voting against it as follows:

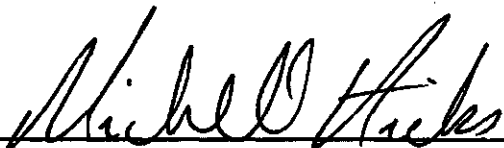
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Stephen Watty	X			
Perry Shell	X			
Jim Owle	X			
Mike Parker	X			
David Wolfe	X			
Alan Ensley	X			
Butch Goings	X			
Angie Kephart	X			
Abe Wachacha	X			
Susan Toineeta	X			
Marie Junaluska	X			
Tommye Saunooke	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	100	0	0	0



TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



CLERK



PRINCIPAL CHIEF

APPROVED (✓) VETOED ( )

VETO UPHELD ( ) VETO DENIED ( )

DATE: 10-10-07

I hereby certify that the foregoing act of the Council was duly:

**PASSED ( )**

**KILLED ( )**

and ratified in open Council after the same has been interpreted by the Official Interpreter and has been fully and freely discussed.

In testimony, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Band of Indians. Superintendent, Cherokee Indian Agency.

INTERPRETED ( )



OMITTED ( )